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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

This Communication addresses the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance submitted on July 24, 2009 (Official Paper No. 20090722). The Examiner has generally identified particular features of the claimed invention that are not taught or suggested by the cited prior art. Applicant notes that the statement is silent with respect to other features and recitations of the allowed claims; therefore, the Examiner did not address whether the cited prior art teaches, or fails to teach, each of the features of the allowed claims. Although the Examiner did not suggest that the cited prior art teaches all other limitations of the allowed claims, Applicant makes clear for the record that any such interpretation of the Reasons for Allowance would be incorrect and impermissible. The allowed claims include other recitations, not identified by the Examiner as being taught by the cited prior art, which are neither described nor suggested by the prior art.

Accordingly, to the extent that the Reasons for Allowance may imply that the claimed invention was allowed due to the failure of the cited prior art to disclose only those claim

recitations specifically referenced in the Reasons for Allowance, Applicant disputes any such

implication. For example, if the particular distinguishing features identified in the Reasons for

Allowance were indeed found to be associated with a particular prior art reference of record, the

claimed invention would not be rendered anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as the claimed

invention includes numerous limitations not addressed in the Reasons for Allowance. With

respect to obviousness under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), the rigors of establishing prima facie

obviousness include a showing that the prior art teaches all of the claim limitations, as well as a

legally appropriate showing of motivation to modify or combine references to arrive at the

claimed invention and a reasonable expectation of success.

In view of the Examiner's allowance of all pending claims, the comments provided herein

are not provided in an effort to distinguish the pending claims from the prior art. Rather, these

comments are provided to make clear that Applicant does not acquiesce that other features and

recitations of the allowed claims are necessarily described or suggested by the cited prior art, if

such an inference could reasonably be drawn. It is respectfully submitted that Applicant has not

intended to narrow, nor has Applicant narrowed, the breadth of the allowed claims through the

explanatory comments provided herein.

Unless Applicant hears otherwise, Applicant's comments are, as intended, clarifying in a

manner consistent with the law.

Respectfully submitted,

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